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SUBJ: FUNERAL OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE VALERA

1. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO TELECONS SCHALLER/REND AHL. FUNERAL REQUIEM MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT PRO-CATHEDRAL 1000 HOURS TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER. FOLLOWING THE MASS DELEGATIONS WILL FOLLOW CORTEGE TO GLASNEVIN CEMETARY FOR GRAVESIDE INTERMENT CEREMONIES.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION - BUFFET LUNCH HOSTED BY PRESIDENT O DALAIGH AT ABOUT 1300 HOURS FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ONLY, EITHER AT FOREIGN MINISTRY OR AT PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE IN PHOENIX PARK.

3. OFFICIAL CALLS ON PRESIDENT O DALAIGH BY OFFICIAL FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE PLACE IN LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 2. BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WE EXPECT THAT MOST DELEGATIONS WILL DEPART DUBLIN SAME EVENING, SEPTEMBER 2.

4. DEPENDING ON SIZE AND LEVEL OF THE DELEGATION, WE WOULD HOUSE THE HEAD OF DELEGATION IN THE RESIDENCE IN PHOENIX PARK. THERE ARE FIVE SUITES IN THE RESIDENCE AND WE COULD PLACE THE ENTIRE DELEGATION THERE IF APPROPRIATE. OTHERWISE WE COULD ACCOMMODATE THE HEAD OF DELEGATION THERE AND HOUSE THE REST OF THE DELEGATION AT APPROPRIATE FIRST-CLASS HOTELS IN THE CITY CENTER.

5. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR WIVES TO BRING HATS OR HEAD

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COVERINGS ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO WAY OF FINDING OUT JUST NOW WHETHER

OR NOT THEY ARE REQUIRED. AN EARLIER TELEGRAM CALLED DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SPOUSES WILL NOT BE SEATED WITH THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION BUT EMBASSY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PLACE THEM APPROPRIATELY IN THE PRO-CATHEDRAL.

6. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THE RECEPTION - BUFFET WILL ALSO BE FOR DELEGATES ONLY. CHARGE'S WIFE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE SPOUSES FOR LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 2 AT TYPICALLY IRISH RESTAURANT.

7. WE DO NOT KNOW IF STORES WILL BE CLOSED FOR A DAY OF MOURNING BUT DELEGATION CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE FOR SHOPPING FOR TYPICALLY IRISH PRODUCTS SUCH AS WATERFORD CRYSTAL, WOOLEN SWEATERS, ETC.

8. PASSPORT WAIVERS WILL BE ARRANGED, IF NECESSARY.

9. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF CONDOLENCE MESSAGES COULD BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

10. IF CHARGE IS TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE, TELEPHONE CONTACT CAN BE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER JOHN MURTHA, NUMBER 692-433 OR ECONOMIC OFFICER BRYAN BAAS, NUMBER 887-528.
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